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The Eighteenth Year of King Edward the Third,  
when Gold was first coined in England,  
to the present Time.

W I T H

Their Weights and intrinsic Values.

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L O N D O N,

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Rot Claus A<sup>o</sup> 41 R<sup>o</sup> Hen. 3 M. 3.

De Moneta Aurea

Mandatum est Majori et Vicecomitibus Londonie  
quod clamari faciant in civitate predicta quod Moneta  
Regis Aurea quam Rex fieri fecit de cetero currat  
in civitate predicta quam alibi per Regnum Anglie  
tam ad Emptiones quam ad Venditiones faciendas  
viz. quilibet denarius pro xx denariis Sterlingorum  
et quod Moneta Regis argentea currat similiter si-  
cut currere consuevit T. R. apud Cestriam  
xvi<sup>to</sup> die August.

Per Concilium Regis

Oct<sup>o</sup> 24. 1745 Given to D. D. G. G. Holmes Esq<sup>r</sup> of Tower

Anno D 1257.

Hoc Anno creavit Rex moneta aurea denar<sup>o</sup> indur  
duos Sterlingos de auro purissimo et voluit ut  
ille auro curreret in ped<sup>o</sup> viginti

Exhant from an Ancient book of archives  
of City of London — of & public transactions  
brought down in y<sup>e</sup> book to 12 67.

Marshall 1738.

From y<sup>e</sup> Tower of London

Holmes  
cui

Rex Thesaurario et Camerario salutem Li-  
berate de Thesaurario nostro Alberico de Fiv-  
camp<sup>o</sup> et D de Winton Clerico Garderobae nos-  
tre, aurum in folio ponderis xviii marc<sup>o</sup> et  
ii<sup>o</sup> et LXII Bivancias auri. viii. d et ob. auri  
de quesc. et LXII denar. auri de nova moneta,  
reponend<sup>o</sup> in Thesaurario nostro  
Apud West<sup>o</sup> de novo

De Antiquis Legibus Liber

A: D 1257 Hoc Anno creavit Rex Moneta Aurea Denar<sup>o</sup> ponder<sup>o</sup> duos  
Sterlingos de auro purissimo 2 voluit ut ille auro curreret in ped<sup>o</sup>  
viginti Sterlingos.

R. B. The public transactions in this book are only brought down to year 12  
The gold coin therein mentioned must have been received at Shrove's coin



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**F**LORENS, at six shillings each; with HALVES and <sup>18 Ed. III.</sup> QUARTERS in proportion. The weight of the whole <sup>1344.</sup> floren being 108 *Troy grains*, and the value 19 *shillings*, of our present money.

They were recalled presently, but if any of them shall hereafter be found, they will readily be known, by the type of two leopards upon the whole floren, one leopard upon the half, and a helmet upon the quarter.

NOBLES, at six shillings and eight pennies each; with HALVES and QUARTERS. Weight 136.7 *grains*; <sup>SAMB</sup> value 24 s. and a pennie. <sup>YEAR.</sup>

NOBLES, etc. as before. Weight 128.6 *grains*. Value <sup>20</sup> SAME. 22 s. 7 d. half-pennie.

NOBLES, etc. as before. Weight 120 *grains*. Value <sup>27</sup> SAME. 21 s. 1 d. half-pennie.

There is some variety in the legends of these last pieces, which are the only gold coins of this king, now commonly found.

NOBLES

*Memorandum June 1. 1763. A true copy of the record in the Chamberlains  
office by H. which was thus, viz  
De Antiquis Legibus Liber pag 72. 1257 Hoc anno creavit Rex  
moneta aurea denarij ponderis duar sterling or de auro purissimo  
et voluit ut ille aureus curreret in p<sup>ar</sup>te (p<sup>ar</sup>te) viginti sterling or.*



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1 Ric. II. NOBLES, HALVES, and QUARTERS, of the same weight  
1377. and value as the last.

1 Hen. IV. THE SAME.  
1399.

13 SAME. THE SAME, but lighter; the noble weighing only 108  
grains. Value 19s.

1 Hen. V. THE SAME.  
1412.

1 Hen. VI. THE SAME.  
1422.

1 Edw. IV. THE SAME. But in his 4<sup>th</sup> year the noble was raised  
1461. to eight shillings and two pennies.

5 SAME. NEW NOBLES OR RIALS at ten shillings each, with  
HALVES and QUARTERS. Weight 120 gr. Value 21s.  
1 d. half-pennie: as also,

ANGELS, at six shillings and eight pennies each, with  
HALVES called ANGELETS. Weight 80 grains. Value 14s.  
and a penny.

49 Hen. VI. There was an indenture for coining the like ANGELS and  
1470. ANGELETS, and it is very probable that there were some  
such coined, tho' I have not as yet seen any of them. I  
should suppose however that they would easily be known,  
by their near resemblance to king Edward's angels; and  
possibly by the omission of the rose upon the reverse.

King Edward coined after his restoration the same  
pieces as before: there was also a master and worker of  
the mint appointed in the name of king Edward the fifth,  
but it is not probable that he coined any new moneys.

1 Ric. III. RIALS, HALVES, and QUARTERS; ANGELS and AN-  
1483. GELETS, the same as those of the 5<sup>th</sup> of king Edward the  
fourth; but I have only seen the two last.

1 Hen. VII. THE SAME PIECES; and some years after,  
1485. SOVEREIGNS OR DOUBLE RIALS at twenty shillings  
each. Weight 240 gr. Value 42s. and three pennies.

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I have also seen of this king, a QUADRUPLE RIAL OF 1 H. VII.  
DOUBLE SOVEREIGN, weighing an ounce. 1485.

SOVEREIGNS, RIALS, HALVES and QUARTERS, AN-1 H. VIII.  
GELS and ANGELETS; as before. 1509.

The sovereign was advanced to 22s. 6d. the rial to 18s. 11s. 3d. and the angel to 7s. 6d. Half rials and quarter rials were omitted: and there were added,

GEORGE-NOBLES at six shillings and eight pennies each, with halves called FORTY-PENNIE-PIECES. Weight 71.1 grains. Value 12s. and 6 pennies.

Hitherto, all these coins had been of the old standard of England for gold moneys, which was 22 carats 3 grains and a half fine gold, to half a grain of allay: but other standards being now introduced, they are from this time expressed in the table: and there were coined

*I should not be 23  
since a pound con-  
sisted of 24 carats?  
see Locke p 27, 28.*

CROWNS OF THE DOUBLE ROSE at 5 shillings each, with HALF CROWNS answerable; of new standard gold, or of gold 22 carats fine. Weight 57.3 grains. Value 9s. 3d. half-pennie.

SOVEREIGNS at 20 shillings each, with HALF SOVE-34 SAME.  
REIGNS; of gold 23 carats fine. Weight 200 grains. Value 33s. 11d. farthing: as also,

ANGELS at eight shillings each, ANGELETS and QUARTER ANGELS. Weight 80 grains. Value 13s. 6d. three fourths.

These angels are distinguished by an annulet, commonly called a gun-hole, on the side of the ship.

SOVEREIGNS at twenty shillings each, HALVES, CROWNS, 36 SAME.  
and HALF CROWNS; of new standard or crown gold, 22 carats fine. Weight 192 grains. Value 31s. 1d. three fourths.

THE SAME PIECES, and of the same weights, but baser; 37 SAME.  
being of gold only 20 carats fine. Value 28s. 3d. three fourths.

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*4 pound = 24 carats  
A carat = 4 grains or 12.  
A grain = 3 dwts. or 72 grs silver.*



1 EDW. VI. THE SAME PIECES, and of the same weight and allay  
1546. as those of the 37<sup>th</sup> of king Henry the eighth.

3 SAME. SOVEREIGNS of crown gold, at twenty shillings each.  
Weight 169.4 *grains*. Value 27 *s.* 6 *d.* I have also seen a  
treble piece of this sort; and there were coined besides,

HALF SOVEREIGNS, CROWNS, and HALF CROWNS, an-  
swerable to the Sovereigns. Of these there are two sorts,  
the one with the king's profile head crowned, and the other  
bare. There are also varieties in the legends of the pieces  
of the same kind.

4 SAME. SOVEREIGNS at twenty-four shillings each, with HALF  
SOVEREIGNS; of old standard gold: but I have only seen  
the whole sovereign. Weight 240 *grains*. Value 42 *s.* and  
three pennies. And at the same time were minted,

ANGELS at eight shillings each, and ANGELETS. Weight  
80 *grains*. Value 14 *s.* and a penny.

There were also struck some DOUBLE SOVEREIGNS  
weighing an ounce; and I have seen a SIX-ANGEL piece,  
but I am not sure that it was intended for a coin.

6 SAME. The sovereigns of the last sort were advanced to thirty  
shillings each, the angels to ten shillings; and there were  
coined besides,

SOVEREIGNS of crown gold, at twenty shillings each,  
with HALF SOVEREIGNS, CROWNS, and HALF CROWNS  
answerable: all these last pieces representing the king half  
bodied and in armour. Weight 174.5 *grains*. Value 28 *s.*  
3 *d.* three fourths.

1 MARY. SOVEREIGNS at thirty shillings each, of old standard  
1553. gold, with RIALS at fifteen shillings, ANGELS at ten shil-  
lings, and HALF ANGELS at five; their weight and value  
the same as those of the 4<sup>th</sup> of king Edward the sixth.

I have have seen no gold pieces coined after the queen's  
marriage, except angels and half angels only.

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SOVEREIGNS *etc.* of old standard gold, the same as queen Mary's; to which were added QUARTER ANGELS: as also

1 ELIZ.  
1558.

SOVEREIGNS of crown gold at twenty shillings each, with HALF SOVEREIGNS, CROWNS, and HALF CROWNS; the same as those of the 6<sup>th</sup> year of king Edward.

There were some of these last pieces coined by the mill, and very neatly; but I do not remember to have seen the whole sovereign so coined.

ANGELS of old standard gold at ten shillings each; HALF ANGELS and QUARTER ANGELS. Weight 79.3 gr. Value 13 s. and 11 pennies. And of crown gold,

43 SAME.

SOVEREIGNS at twenty shillings each, with HALVES, CROWNS, and HALF CROWNS. Weight 171.9 gr. Value 27 s. 10 d. half-pennie.

These last coins of queen Elizabeth are readily distinguished from her others, by the several mint marks .1. or .2. upon them.

THE SAME PIECES of crown gold as the last. They have all ANG. SCO. upon them: whereas all his following coins have MAG. BR.

1 JAMES I.  
1603.

SOVEREIGNS or UNITS of crown gold, commonly called scepter pieces, at 20 s. each; with DOUBLE CROWNS, BRITISH CROWNS, and HALF CROWNS. Weight 154.8 grains. Value 25 s. 1 d. farthing. As also,

2 SAME.

THISTLE-CROWNS, at four shillings each. Weight 31 gr. Value 5 s. and a farthing.

ROSE RIALS of old standard gold, at thirty shillings each, and SPUR-RIALS at fifteen shillings. Weight 213.3 grains. Value 37 s. 6 d. half-pennie. Together with,

3 SAME.

ANGELS at ten shillings each, and HALF ANGELS. Weight 71.1 grains. Value 12 s. and 6 pennies.

All gold coins were advanced by proclamation, after the rate of two shillings upon every twenty.

9 SAME.

THIRTY.



17 JAM. I.  
1620. THIRTY SHILLING PIECES and FIFTEEN SHILLING  
PIECES, of old standard gold. Weight 194.2 gr. Value  
34s. 2d. *half-pennie*. As also

TEN SHILLING PIECES OF NEW ANGELS. Weight 64.7.  
Value 11s. 4d. *three fourths*. And of crown gold,

UNITS OR TWENTY SHILLING PIECES commonly called  
broad pieces, DOUBLE-CROWNS OR TEN SHILLING PIECES,  
and BRITISH-CROWNS OR FIVE SHILLING PIECES. Weight  
140.5 grains. Value 22s. 9d. *half-pennie*. All these have  
the king's head laureat.

1 CHAR. I.  
1625. THE SAME PIECES of crown gold as the last. There  
were of these several types, some representing the king with  
a ruff, and having a plain escutcheon on the reverse; and  
others exhibiting his person in a band, and his arms in an  
oval shield upon the other side. He also coined of old  
standard gold,

ANGELS, the same as those of the 17<sup>th</sup> year of king  
James: they were his only coins of that standard, and in-  
deed the last struck in England: all those that follow be-  
ing of the new standard, or of crown gold 22 carats fine.

KING Charles in his troubles coined THREE-POUND-  
PIECES, TWENTY-SHILLING PIECES, and TEN-SHILLING-  
PIECES, at Oxford: all with the legend EXVRGAT. DEVS.  
*etc.* They were besides stamped with the Welsh-Feathers,  
the mark of the mint at Aberistwith; whose officers at-  
tended the king, after the parliament had taken possession  
of the mint in the Tower of London, about the end of the  
year 1642. The weight of these three-pound pieces, was  
the same as that of three of his common broad pieces, or  
of 421.4 grains, and the others were made in proportion  
thereunto.

1 CHA. II.  
1648. I have seen among what are commonly called the siege  
pieces, a TWENTY-SHILLING-PIECE of gold, struck at  
Pontefract, and there may be others of the same sort. It

was



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was eight corner'd, and coined just after the king's death; while the castle still held out for king Charles the second. <sup>1 CHAR II. 1648.</sup>

TWENTY, TEN, and FIVE-SHILLING-PIECES, of the same weight as those of king Charles; but with the arms and style of the Common-wealth. <sup>C. Wealth. 1649.</sup>

TWENTY SHILLING-PIECES, of the same weight, with the head and style of the Protector. They were milled, finely graved, and edged. FIFTY-SHILLING PIECES of the same, weighing 351.2 grains, with letters on the edge; and I have seen the puncheon that was cut for a TEN SHILLING PIECE. I apprehend notwithstanding, that these pieces were never regularly published as lawful moneys of England, since I find that the coins of the Common Wealth were continued to the very time of the king's restoration. When, <sup>Oliver Pr. 1656.</sup>

TWENTY, TEN, and FIVE-SHILLING BROAD PIECES were coined, the same as those of king Charles the first. The head was laureat, and some of the pieces had XX, X, or V upon them, and others were without. There were also in the year 1662, UNITS or TWENTY SHILLING PIECES of the same weight, coined by the mill and press. <sup>12 CH. II. 1660.</sup>

TWENTY SHILLING PIECES, commonly called GUINEAS, milled and edged; as also TEN SHILLING PIECES, FORTY SHILLING PIECES, and FIVE POUND PIECES: forty four guineas and a half being coined out of the pound Troy, and the other pieces in proportion. Whence the true weight of the guinea will be found that of 129.438 Troy grains. <sup>15 SAME.</sup>

FIVE POUND PIECES, FORTY SHILLING PIECES, GUINEAS, and HALF GUINEAS, as before; the five pound piece weighing 647.19 Troy grains. <sup>1 JAM. II. 1684.</sup>

THE SAME: and with the king's head and style only, after the queen's death. <sup>W. & M. 1688.</sup>

THE SAME PIECES, as in the two foregoing reigns. <sup>1 ANNE 1701.</sup>

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- 1 GEOR. I. THE SAME; but in December 1717, guineas, which  
 1714. had for several years passed at 21 s. 6 d. although coined  
 for twenty-shilling pieces only, were made current by pro-  
 clamations at one and twenty shillings: and the year  
 following were coined besides the other moneys, some  
 QUARTER GUINEAS, weighing each, 32.36 grains.
- 1 GEO. II. GUINEAS, at one and twenty shillings each, HALF GUI-  
 1727. NEAS, DOUBLE GUINEAS, and FIVE GUINEA PIECES; but  
 no quarter guineas have as yet been coined, since the ac-  
 cession of his present majesty.

*Addenda.*

SINCE the publishing of this table in 1736, the wor-  
 thy and curious Brian Fairfax esq. has found and pro-  
 cured the quarter-floren of king Edward the third, char-  
 ged with a helmet agreeably to what is said of it in the  
 first paragraph: and my respected friend, Taylor White esq.  
 not long after met with the noble of the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the  
 same king, exactly resembling the common nobles of his  
 27<sup>th</sup> year, but weighing within half a grain of the full  
 weight here assigned it.

My good friend also Mr. Peter Sainthill, much about the  
 same time, first met with a Henry's angel, every way suit-  
 ing the description I had ventured to give in the 4<sup>th</sup> page  
 of those coined in the 49<sup>th</sup> year of king Henry the sixth;  
 and having a *fleur de lis* in the place of the rose, which  
 I apprehended would be wanting upon these coins:  
 since which two or three more like angels are come to  
 light, and Dr. Mead has found an angelet every way an-  
 swering to the same.

MR. Sainthill has besides met with a gold coin of king  
 Edward the sixth, that I had never before either seen or  
 heard of: it exactly resembles the half crown of the double  
 rose



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rose of king Henry the eighth, and weighs about 28 *Troy grains*. There was in all probability a crown likewise of the same sort, and I should assign them both to the 3<sup>d</sup> year of this king: when he appears to have coined crown gold, and when the weight of a noble made proportionable to his twenty-shilling sovereign of that gold, would have been that of 56.5 *grains*, less than a grain short of the crown of the double rose of king Henry the eighth; and which must it self at this time have been current for the advanced price of six shillings and eight pennies.

I SHALL only add in this place the actual weights by the ballance, of some of the gold coins above mentioned; among which I have taken the fairest and the heaviest pieces, whenever I had it in my power to make any choice.

*Gold coins well preserved, or but little diminished.*

	<i>Troy Gr.</i>
A quarter floren of king Edward III. <i>Old stand.</i> -	26. q.
A noble of the same, of his 20 <sup>th</sup> year, - -	128.
A common noble of the same, - -	120.
A noble of king Richard II. - -	120.
A noble of king Henry IV. - -	119. b.
A noble of king Henry V. - -	108.
A noble of king Henry VI. - -	107. b.
A rial of king Edward IV. - -	119. b.
An angel of the same, - -	79. b.
An angel, supposed of the 49 <sup>th</sup> of Henry VI. -	79. q.
An angel of king Richard III. - -	79.
A sovereign, or double rial of king Henry VII. -	239. q.
An angel of the same, - -	79. b.
A sovereign, as I think, of king Henry VIII. -	239. b.
An angel of the same, - -	79. 3q.
A George noble of the same, - -	70.
A crown:	



## A TABLE OF, etc.

	Troy Gr.
A crown of the double rose. 22 carats fine, -	57. q.
A sovereign of his 34 <sup>th</sup> year. 23 carats fine, -	199 b.
A gun-hole angel, - - -	79.
A sovereign of his 36 <sup>th</sup> year. Crown gold, -	190. b.
A sovereign of his 37 <sup>th</sup> year. 20 carats fine, -	190.
A half sovereign of the 1 <sup>st</sup> of king Edward VI. -	95. b.
A sovereign of his 3 <sup>d</sup> year. Crown gold, -	169.
A sovereign of his 4 <sup>th</sup> year. Old stand. - -	233.
An angel of the same, - - -	77.
A sovereign of his 6 <sup>th</sup> year. Crown gold, -	174. q.
A sovereign of queen Mary. Old stand. -	239.
An angel of Philip and Mary, - - -	80.
A sovereign of queen Elizabeth, - - -	239.
An angel of the same, - - -	80.
A sovereign of the same. Crown gold. - -	173. b.
A sovereign of her 43 <sup>d</sup> year, - - -	171.
A like sovereign of king James I. - - -	171. 3q.
An unit of his 2 <sup>d</sup> year, called a scepter piece, -	155.
A rose rial of the same. Old stand. - -	213.
An angel of the same, - - -	71.
A thirty shilling piece of his 17 <sup>th</sup> year, - -	193. 3q.
A laureat twenty-piece. Crown gold, - -	140.
An <i>exurgat</i> three-pound piece of king Charles I. -	421. b.
A twenty shilling piece of the Common-wealth, -	140. b.
A fifty shilling piece of Oliver Cromwell, - -	351.
A milled unit of king Charles II. 1662. -	141.
A guinea of the same, 1663. - - -	129. b.
A five pound piece of the same, - - -	647.

F I N I S.





